

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AREA BOARD 2
MEETING MINUTES for APRIL 7-8, 2011
Oxford Suites, Redding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie L. Blair
Stephen Concklin
Rosie Johansen
Verdine Mertens
Jean Phillips (4/07/11)
Colleen Ryberg
Steven Sharpe
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie Anderson

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, AB2 Ex. Director
Sarah May, Community Program Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Dir.
Margaret Shipp, FNRC BOD, REI BOD
Ryan Duncanwood, Self Advocate, SABE Rep.
Joshua McManus, COMPASS Staff
Cindy Adams, COMPASS Staff
Isabel Cordoba, Self-Advocate
Michelle Phillips, Self-Advocate
Virgil Blair, Marie's Husband
Ricky Sedillos, SAY Speaker
Destinee Dale, SAY Coordinator
Tammy Torum, WCALF Manager
Sue Sawyer, Transition Alliance
Robert Brown, Parent, Shasta CAC
Lee Ann Huston, Oroville People First

1. CALL TO ORDER – April 7, 2011 – 1:01p.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A. Introduction** All introduced themselves.
- B. Announcements** Mike shared tragic news of a fatal car accident in Orland, killing 2 adults and critically injuring one adult with developmental disabilities. A moment of silence was honored for the Ellithorp family.
- C. Public Input** Robert Brown, reported that Shasta County SELPA is working on their Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Plan. When completed, he will bring the plan to Area Board 2 for review. CAC will be having their Annual Appreciation Dinner on April 21, 2011. Students have nominated “people who have made a difference” to be recognized at event.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, *Chair

- *A. Approval of April 7-8, 2011 Agenda -**
 - MOTION** – That the agenda be approved as written.
 - M/S/C** – V. Mertens/J. Phillips/ Passed Unanimously
- *B. Approval of February 10-11, 2011 Minutes -**
 - MOTION** – That the minutes be approved as written.
 - M/S/C** - M. Yalow /S. Sharpe/Passed Unanimously
 - M/S/C** – V. Mertens/M. Blair/Passed Unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – Colleen Ryberg, *Secretary*

Colleen Ryberg, Board Secretary, read a letter from Catherine Blakemore, Ex. Dir. of Disability Rights California, thanking AB2 for a letter in support of reauthorizing another 5 year contract for Office of Clients' Advocacy services. Colleen also read a letter to Assemblymen Dan

Logue, written from Kay Cullis, FNRC, thanking his staff for meeting with FNRC Board members and Robin Keehn, Area Board 2 Executive Director, on March 18, 2011, with the message from our community, “cuts are too deep for people with developmental disabilities.”

4. COUNTY UPDATES – EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – *All Members*

Butte County– *Steve Sharpe* reported he separated from his wife, moved to Oroville, joined Oroville People First and is still adjusting to changes. Steve shared that BCCC recommended his re-appointment to AB2 and he’s waiting for final approval from Butte County Board of Supervisors.

Glenn County– *Mike Yalow* reported the Rusty Wagon project in Orland is targeted to open May 1, 2011. The Business Employment Council (BEC) will be supporting the Rusty Wagon under their non-profit status. They will be working with 25 vendors, consignment only, and collaborating with Department of Rehabilitation TPP for start-up monies. Glenn County will also be starting a Farmer’s Market and plan on working together to create opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Shasta County – *Rosie Johansen* and *Marie Blair* reported on their participation at Grassroots Day in Sacramento on March 16, 2011. Shasta County People First participated in a letter writing campaign to local legislators about the budget. Marie read her letter including the negative impacts of budget cuts to her services. Rosie reported that Grassroots Day “stories” are being shared on Facebook.

Siskiyou County – *Stephen Concklin* reported that he attended the last Siskiyou CAC meeting which included discussion on Adult Day Programs in Siskiyou County. Stephen plans on meeting with the DSPS Director of College of the Siskiyous to get current information and updates on their program services.

Tehama County – *Larry Stevens* reported that he is working with ILSNC and Katie Bullock on a recycling/cleaning/lending assistive technology project. He also provided information on a program for specially made shoes for Medicare recipients, who also have Diabetes and that PG&E and AT&T are providing bills in large print for low visions customers.

Verdine Mertens reported on several upcoming TCCC projects including the: Emergency Preparedness Fair, Circle of Champions Award Luncheon and the Tri-County Coordinating Council meeting May 17, 2011 in Red Bluff.

Trinity County – *Colleen Ryberg* reported that current SELPA Director is retiring and a recruitment process has begun. Day Program/Store is doing well and continues to be a positive experience for the consumers.

5. CHAIR REPORT – Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

A. SCDD Board Updates Leroy reported on the 2011 Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. and his experiences. Leroy reviewed SCDD’s Briefing Paper for Governor Jerry Brown; 2011 Disability Policy Seminar “Do’s & Don’ts” When Dealing with Elected Officials Fact Sheets; Rising Expectations: The Developmental Disabilities Act Revisited and the article in Impact – Issue on Postsecondary Education. .

B. Other Leroy also reported on SCDD’s participation on the DDS’ Workgroups regarding developing “Best Practices” for Regional Centers POS standards.

6. SAME AS YOU (SAY) SHASTA COUNTY TEAM – Rosie Johansen, Ricky Sedillos – Peer Instructors and Destinee Dale – SAY Coordinator (WCALF)

Ricky and Rosie provided current information on SAY, which includes 3 Teams that present to our 9 counties. Last year SAY provided 101 presentations and reached 2,713 people. The goal of SAY is to recognize we are more the same than different. Ricky and Rosie facilitated an activity called “A Torn Heart”, shared personal stories of how they were treated in school and how they overcome ridicule. Another activity “Ball Game” was facilitated with the members to connect everyone and recognize the “sameness” of our experiences.

Ricky and Rosie reported that SAY will be presenting at a breakout session at the 2011 People First of California conference this June in Sacramento. They ended their presentation by reading a poem called “Same As You” written by Angela Todd.

7. BOARD TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Verdine Mertens, Committee Chair

Verdine reported on the outcome of the “Board Training Interest Survey” developed by Rosie, Colleen and Verdine. The members selected the following training topics in this order: 1. Educating Local Officials; 2. Early Intervention; 3. IEP Training; 4. Board Member Refresher Course. Robert Brown offered to be a resource for Local Officials training and explained his experience on this topic. Board reviewed and discussed topics and outcomes. Robin will prepare and send a survey to determine specifics of content and resources for the trainings.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, Executive Director

A. Activity Update Robin reported all Board members completed Ethics Training as required by SCDD and distributed 2011 “Bagley Keene Act” booklets. She reported on Steven Sharpe’s re-appointment and that Robert Brown’s application is complete and waiting appointment from the Governor. Robin reviewed on-going activities including: a 2nd NCSBA sponsored Town Hall meeting in April with Jean Ross of Ca. Budget Project, local legislator and CSU-Chico economist; Teri Todd, CSU staff, “Take Me Home” police project; Chico Unified School District Nurse Health Education/Family Life curriculum for special education teachers and students in 4th–12th grades; and Disability Rights and WCALF’s Voter Rights and Education consumer peer education program being piloted in our region.

B. AB2 Strategic Plan Updates Robin reviewed AB2’s Strategic Plan in new format. The Board requests annual AB2 Strategic Plan reviews for revisions and updates.

C. BOD Officer Elections Robin reported that AB2 By-Laws require Officer Elections every 2 years. Leroy appointed Verdine to Chair a Nominating Committee, including Colleen and Rosie. Verdine requested that Board members interested in running for an Officer position, to contact her by April 30, 2011. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers at the May meeting in Chico.

D. June Special Meeting Ideas Robin discussed the June 23-24, 2011 joint meeting with FNRC Board of Directors at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson. The content and structure were discussed. Robin and Laura will finalize agenda and training ideas.

E. Other Robin solicited interest from members, who plan to attend People First of California Conference in June, 2011. She provided registration forms and deadline information.

8. RECESS 5:15 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY AT OXFORD SUITES IN REDDING

1. CALL TO ORDER – April 8, 2011 – 9:01a.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.
- B. Announcements – Sarah gathered hotel receipts and paperwork with signatures.
- C. Public Input – None.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) UPDATE – Sarah May, *CPSII*

Sarah reviewed marketing and timeline process with Board members. She reviewed the variety of questions from community applicants, the reliable support from SCDD PDG liaison, Kristie Allensworth and solicited ideas on selection preparation process. Board requested grants be summarized by staff and prepared in the same manner as the “mini-grants.” Staff will prepare grants as requested and will utilize the program evaluation and selection process as required.

3. BEST PRACTICES IN TRANSITION – Sue Sawyer, *President of Statewide Transition Alliance and Executive Director of Shasta 21st Century Career Connections*

Sue Sawyer provided a brief bio on her background and experiences in Transition. She worked with Shasta County Office of Education for 25 years, specifically around youth to adulthood transitions. Then through a grant opportunity, Sue started her own non-profit, Shasta 21st Century Career Connections several years ago. Sue presented information on “Exploring Transition Best Practices from High School to Beyond” and provided a handout “Transition Planning – Ideas for Parents”. The key to preparing youth from high school to adult roles and responsibilities is; developing visionary skills to help in the determination of one’s personal interests and goals. Leroy recommended Sue present at a future SCDD Board meeting regarding transition planning.

4. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, *Executive Director*

Laura shared her reflections on the incredible accomplishments in our region in spite of the budget crisis. She highlighted the good work in our area including self-advocacy projects and programs that have succeeded through creativity and “thinking outside of the box.” Laura reported the regional center system will be hit with an additional 400 million in new cuts, 1.5-2.0 million to FNRC. She reported on DDS’ Stakeholder 8 Work Groups including: Day/Supported Living Day Activities; Residential; ILS/SLS; Early Start; Behavioral Services; Transportation Services and Health Care and Related Services. Laura stated the work groups will be creating the “Best Practice” POS Standards and are presenting the “standards” to policy makers on May 14, 2011. Laura is greatly concerned that the system has “less money and tools to reduce expenses.” She also reviewed some of the Bureau of State Audit (BSA) recommendations for FNRC. Laura is anticipating more cuts on May 13, 2011 with the Governor’s Revise Budget.

5. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST II REPORT – Sarah May, *CPSII*

- A. Community Outreach Report Sarah reviewed current activities and projects, including DAT, SCCC projects, Advocacy Networking, trainings attended, community outreach activities and Butte College Autism Club in-service trainings.
- B. Advocacy Projects Sarah reviewed advocacy cases and successful outcomes.

6. ADJOURN – 12:04 p.m. – Next Meeting - May 12-13, 2011 – Oxford Suites in Chico